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SUBJ: JAL HIJACKING

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1. BRITISH EMBASSY, JIDDA, WHICH HAS INFO FROM REFTTEL, HAS ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT SAUDI JETS WOULD SHOOT DOWN PLANE, WITH OR WITHOUT PASSENGERS INSIDE, IF IT APPEARED HEADED TOWARD RAS TANURA (SAME REPORT SAYS ISRAELIS WOULD DO LIKewise IF PLANE APPEARED HEADED FOR TEL AVIV). BRITISH EMBASSY HAS REPORT OF 25,000 GALLONS OF FUEL BEING PLACED ABOARD JUMBO JET, SUFFICIENT TO REACH RAS TANURA.

2. EMBOFF RECALLS HEARING REPORT, SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO HIJACKING, THAT THREE JAPANESE WERE IN EUROPE PREPARING FOR KAMIKAZE ATTACK AGAINST ISRAEL OR OIL INSTALLATION. INFORMATION GIVEN IN CONVERSATION BY U.S.

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EMPLOYEE OF SAUDI AIRLINES WHO THOUGHT IT CAME FROM

FAA. DEPT MIGHT WISH ENDEAVOR VERIFY.

3. EMBASSY AT THIS POINT CONCERNED THAT JUMBO JET MAY TAKE OFF FROM DUBAI, WITH FULL LOAD OF PASSENGERS, HEADING NORTH, AND RISK ENCOUNTER WITH SAUDI JETS, EVEN WITHOUT CLEAR INTENTION TO HEAD INTO RAS TANURA. DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER URGING UAE GOVT PREVENT PLANE FROM TAKING OFF BY WHATEVER MEANS POSSIBLE.

4. IF, HOWEVER, PLANE DOES APPEAR TO BE DEPARTING FROM DUBAI, IT IMPERATIVE SAG BE INFORMED OF THIS SOONEST, AND THAT, IN INTEREST OF PROTECTING PASSENGERS, BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION BE PROVIDED SAG RE APPARENT INTENTIONS AND DESTINATION OF HIJACKERS.

5. CONGEN DHAHRAN SHOULD CONTINUE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH RSAF (THROUGH USMTM) AS WELL AS WITH ARAMCO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON CURRENT RSAF INTENTIONS.
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